

**ABSTRACT**

**IN-SITU CELL EXTRACTION AND ASSAY METHOD**

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A method of assaying for an analyte comprises the steps of:  
mixing a sample of cells possibly containing the analyte with  
a cell lysis reagent to provide a cell lysis fluid,

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ii) mixing the cell lysis fluid with reagents, including a specific  
binding partner of the analyte for binding to the analyte, for performing a  
specific binding assay for the analyte,

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and mixing the cell lysis fluid with a sequestrant for the cell  
lysis reagent, whereby the binding of step ii) is performed in the presence  
of the sequestrant.

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